

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments which generally conform the specification and claims to U.S. practice.

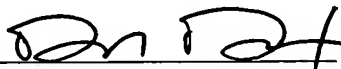
Concerning the claims, Applicant requests that any amendments made during the International Phase of the corresponding PCT application not be entered in this U.S. National Stage filing. Instead, Applicant requests entry of the present amendments under 37 C.F.R. §§1.115 & 1.121, which are based upon the claims as originally filed in the International Phase of the PCT application. Herein, original claims 1-35 are rewritten in amended format in order to conform the claim set to U.S. practice and standards.

No new matter is being introduced by this amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the originally filed application.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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